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Missouri Department of  
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They changed  
our lives.

### Missouri Celebrates 50th Interstate Anniversary

#### **New Web Site Details History, Gives Fun Facts**

Missouri can stake several claims to having the nation's first interstate highway, having awarded contracts for work on U.S. Routes 66 and 40 – now Interstates 44 and 70 - on Aug. 2, 1956.

These and other interstate facts and figures can be found on MoDOT's Web site at

[www.modot.org/interstate](http://www.modot.org/interstate).

### Route 66 To Be Dedicated As Scenic Byway

#### **Ceremony May 5 in Springfield**

Classic cars, Route 66 memorabilia and a keynote speech by author and U.S. Route 66 historian Susan Kelly Kirkpatrick will highlight the dedication of Historic Route 66 as a Missouri Scenic Byway at 11 a.m.

Friday, May 5, in Springfield. [Route 66](#)

### Employees Join Highway Watch Program

With millions of highway miles, numerous bridges, overpasses and other potential terrorist targets in the United States, the Highway Watch program helps transportation workers protect these resources. Just over a year ago, MoDOT entered into a partnership with the Missouri Motor Carriers Association to promote the Highway Watch program within MoDOT. [Highway Watch](#)

## SAFER ROADS

### Buckle Up in Your Truck - Regional Campaign to Increase Safety Belt Use

The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety has joined with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, state and local law enforcement and highway safety partners from Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska to launch an aggressive new public awareness initiative called *Buckle Up In Your Truck*. Efforts in Missouri will include increased enforcement and an education campaign from May 7-14.

[Buckle Up](#)

 **Smoother  
Safer  
Sooner**



### Major Vs. Minor – How Our Roads Stack Up

Imagine smooth surfaces, bright roadway stripes, signs that are easy to read and road improvements that enhance your safety. This vision of getting the state's major roads in good condition is becoming a reality. Find out more about how our major and minor roads are doing. [Road Improvements](#)

## ROADSIDE REVIEW

### No MOre Trash! Bash Cleans Up Missouri

Less trash on our roadsides and in our streams and rivers, as well as educating the public about the real cost of litter, was the goal of the second annual No MOre Trash! Bash, sponsored by MoDOT and the Missouri Department of Conservation. Thousands of volunteers joined together to clean up Missouri during the month of April for the No MOre Trash! Bash. [No MOre Trash!](#)



### MoDOT Participates in 2006 Earth Day

MoDOT was one of several state agencies that participated in the Missouri Earth Day celebration April 21 at the Capitol in Jefferson City. Thousands of students and other visitors flocked to the celebration, sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources. [Earth Day](#)

## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS?

### Fast Forward for Your News!

The latest edition of *Fast Forward*, your source for the latest news and success stories that are driving MoDOT toward business excellence, is now available. [Fast forward](#)

## Check Out Your Connections

The latest issue of *Connections*, MoDOT's monthly employee newsletter, is now online. For some of the latest statewide and district news, make the connection! [Connections Online](#)



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